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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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REMARKS

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above identified application. The International Search Report is also enclosed.

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE


References AA-AC AJ, AK, AM, AR, and AS were all cited in the International Search Report. References AL, AN, and AP are provided as background art. Reference AO is a reference related to reference AA, and reference AQ is a reference related to reference AB. References AJ-AQ and AS are foreign language references, but English language translations of the abstracts have been provided. Full translations for these references will be produced at the request

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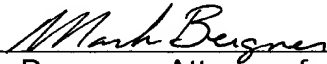
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